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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2915

Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Section 4830 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to veterinary medicine.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2915, as amended, Saldana. Veterinary medicine: licensure.

Existing law, the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, provides for the ~~licensing~~ *licensure* and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine.

Existing law provides that the laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine do not apply to, among others, unlicensed personnel employed by the Department of Food and Agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture; when, in the course of their duties, they are directed by a veterinarian supervisor to conduct an examination, obtain biological specimens, apply biological tests, or administer medications or biological products as part of government disease or condition monitoring, investigation, control, or eradication activities.

This bill would also exempt from the laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine unlicensed personnel employed by a city, city and county, or county ~~and who are acting in an official capacity for any state a diagnostic laboratory, when in the course of their duties, they are directed by~~ *operated by a governmental entity, as specified, at the direction of* a veterinarian supervisor to conduct activities related to

pathology and epidemiology on ~~deceased~~ *dead* animals as part of specified government activities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4830 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4830. This chapter does not apply to:
- 4 (a) Veterinarians while serving in any armed branch of the
- 5 military service of the United States or the United States
- 6 Department of Agriculture while actually engaged and employed
- 7 in their official capacity.
- 8 (b) Regularly licensed veterinarians in actual consultation
- 9 from other states.
- 10 (c) Regularly licensed veterinarians actually called from other
- 11 states to attend cases in this state, but who do not open an office
- 12 or appoint a place to do business within this state.
- 13 (d) Veterinarians employed by the University of California
- 14 while engaged in the performance of duties in connection with
- 15 the College of Agriculture, the Agricultural Experiment Station,
- 16 the School of Veterinary Medicine or the agricultural extension
- 17 work of the university or employed by the Western University of
- 18 Health Sciences while engaged in the performance of duties in
- 19 connection with the College of Veterinary Medicine or the
- 20 agricultural extension work of the university.
- 21 (e) Students in the School of Veterinary Medicine of the
- 22 University of California or the College of Veterinary Medicine of
- 23 the Western University of Health Sciences who participate in
- 24 diagnosis and treatment as part of their educational experience,
- 25 including those in off-campus educational programs under the
- 26 direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian in good standing, as
- 27 defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 4848,
- 28 appointed by the University of California, Davis, or the Western
- 29 University of Health Sciences.
- 30 (f) A veterinarian who is employed by the Meat and Poultry
- 31 Inspection Branch of the California Department of Food and
- 32 Agriculture while actually engaged and employed in his or her
- 33 official capacity. A person exempt under this subdivision shall

1 not otherwise engage in the practice of veterinary medicine
2 unless he or she is issued a license by the board.

3 (g) Unlicensed personnel employed by the Department of
4 Food and Agriculture or the United States Department of
5 Agriculture when, in the course of their duties, they are directed
6 by a veterinarian supervisor to conduct an examination, obtain
7 biological specimens, apply biological tests, or administer
8 medications or biological products as part of government disease
9 or condition monitoring, investigation, control, or eradication
10 activities.

11 (h) Unlicensed personnel employed by a city, city and county,
12 or county ~~and who meet both of the following criteria:~~

13 (1) ~~They are acting in an official capacity for any state~~
14 ~~diagnostic laboratory, when in the course of their duties, they are~~
15 ~~directed by a diagnostic laboratory operated by a city, city and~~
16 ~~county, county, or the state.~~

17 (2) ~~They are conducting activities at the direction of a~~
18 ~~veterinarian supervisor to conduct activities related to pathology~~
19 ~~and epidemiology on deceased dead animals as part of a~~
20 ~~government program to monitor a disease or a disease-related~~
21 ~~condition monitoring, investigation or to investigate, control, or~~
22 ~~eradication activities eradicate a disease.~~